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TO : Deputy Director, Plans

FROM : Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Special Interrogations

REFERENCE: Memo. AD/SI to DD/P dated 12 February 1951
Memo. DD/P to AD/SI dated 26 February 1951

Reference subject matter was discussed at a meeting of 9 March 1951 by OSO, OPC, I&SS and OSI and the following recommendations concerning this program were agreed upon.

- a. The full development of a program in the field of Special Interrogations should be undertaken immediately.
- b. To insure cooperation from IAC Agencies, the principal members of the IAC should be briefed concerning CIA interest in this field for the exchange of information and the coordination of related programs presently being conducted by IAC Agencies.

It was agreed that the development of the Special Interrogation Program should be organized as follows:

OSI

- A. Appointment of a Coordinator (action man) with authority over all aspects of this program for coordination, development and experimentation.

Establishment of a panel of qualified professional personnel to evaluate possibilities and give direction in the field of research and experimentation for the development of this program.

To establish full coordination with IAC Agencies and determine their activities in related fields which might supplement or be utilized for research and experimentation purposes as determined necessary by OSI.

To establish, if necessary, projects for research with clinical or laboratory facilities on aspects of this program as determined necessary by the Coordinator and Panel.

To give direction to the field interrogation teams on types of experiments to be conducted and to provide the teams with developed information on drugs, hypnosis, and other means of interrogation for field experimental purposes.

- F. To receive from I & SS and field interrogation teams information on techniques and clinical reports developed from field experiments.

I & SS

Under the general direction of the OSI Coordinator I & SS will be responsible for:

- A. Recruitment of interrogation teams for OSO, OPC and I&SS and training in the fields of:

Polygraph
Hypnosis
Drugs

Psychological Interrogation
Technical Interrogation
Team Coordination

Such recruits are to be carried on the T/O's of the office concerned.

- B. Upon completion of training, the teams to be assigned to OPC or OSO for use at European or Far East bases for practical experience utilizing aliens as subjects.

OSO-OPC

Under the general direction of the OSI Coordinator will:

- A. Supply I & SS with any available qualified personnel for training and organization into field interrogation teams.
- B. Assign, upon completion of training, the teams to appropriate operating bases overseas for team experimental operating purposes.
- C. Conduct at the overseas bases operational experiments utilizing aliens as subjects in the following phases of activity.
1. Operational interrogations on a case basis as requested by OSO-OPC.
 2. Interrogation of defectors and alien contract personnel to determine bona fides and for intelligence purposes.
 3. Experimental interrogations utilizing all types of techniques.
 4. Experiments to determine the possibilities of positive (post-hypnotic) control of individuals for operational purposes.

5. At the direction of OSI Coordinator conducts experimental interrogations utilizing specific methods or materials for research purposes. Interrogation teams to provide OSI information on techniques and clinical reports obtained as result of all types of interrogations and experiments.

Under the above proposal Agency wide direction is provided through the OSI coordinator who will be responsible for the aggressive and active development of all phases of CIA activity in this field and coordination of the IAC Agencies in related programs. The OSI Panel will provide professional guidance in the fields of development and research necessary for the full implementation of this program. I & SS will provide the training facilities for operational team personnel. The field interrogation teams provide a means of conducting under field conditions experimentation with techniques and materials.

The security aspects of this program will be a matter of continuing concern and the necessary security guidance will be provided by I & SS to all phases of activity, domestic and foreign.

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